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GROUNDS FIRST MOVEMENT VIA AUTOBAHN SHOULD BE TO RPT TO NOT  
FROM BERLIN FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:1. WESTERN PROTECTING POWERS ARE TRYING HOLD POSITION IN  
BERLIN AND SUPPLY GARRISONS THERE NOT TO BREAK OUT OF CITY.  
THEREFORE, EFFORT REACH CITY FROM WEST NOT LEAVE CITY APPEARS  
MORE DRAMATICALLY APPEALING.2. SOVIET CHECKPOINT (NOWAWES) FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ENTERING  
ZONE FROM BERLIN IS IN WOODS OUT-OF-SIGHT AND ABOUT A MILE  
AWAY FROM OUT CHECKPOINT AT DREILINDEN. SOV BARRIER AT MARIENBOGN  
IS ONLY 85 FEET FROM, AND IN FULL VIEW OF, BARRIER AT BOUNDARY  
OF FEDREP (HELMSTEDT). OCCURRENCES AT NOWAWES CHECKPOINT  
TAKE PLACE OUT OF SIGHT OF FREE WORLD NOT IN FULL VIEW OF EYES  
AND CAMERA EYES OF FREE WORLD PRESS, MOVIES AND TELEVISION  
AS WERE FOR EXAMPLE RECENT HAPPENINGS AT MARIENBORN REPORTED  
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